

## To shut down library? AEF CONFRONTS ADMIN FOR 3RD FLOOR SPACE

by James Weaver

The state of tension between the Association des Etudiants Francophones and the anglophone sectors of the campus could come to a head today with a meeting between the Aef and administrative officers to consider the Aef's demand for centralized operations. Much of the campus first became aware of the depth of the Aef's concerns when francophone students occupied the eleventh floor of the Library Tower for the three days prior to Study Break.

The occupation came about on Wednesday, February 20th after a meeting of francophone students. Distressed with the lack of progress in relocating l'Entre-Deux, the francophone lounge, the Aef decided to pressure the administration into taking their concerns seriously. After a vote in favour of their action, the seventy-five students proceeded to the eleventh floor, shut down the elevators in the building and demanded to speak with Laurentian Presi-

dent, Henry Best.

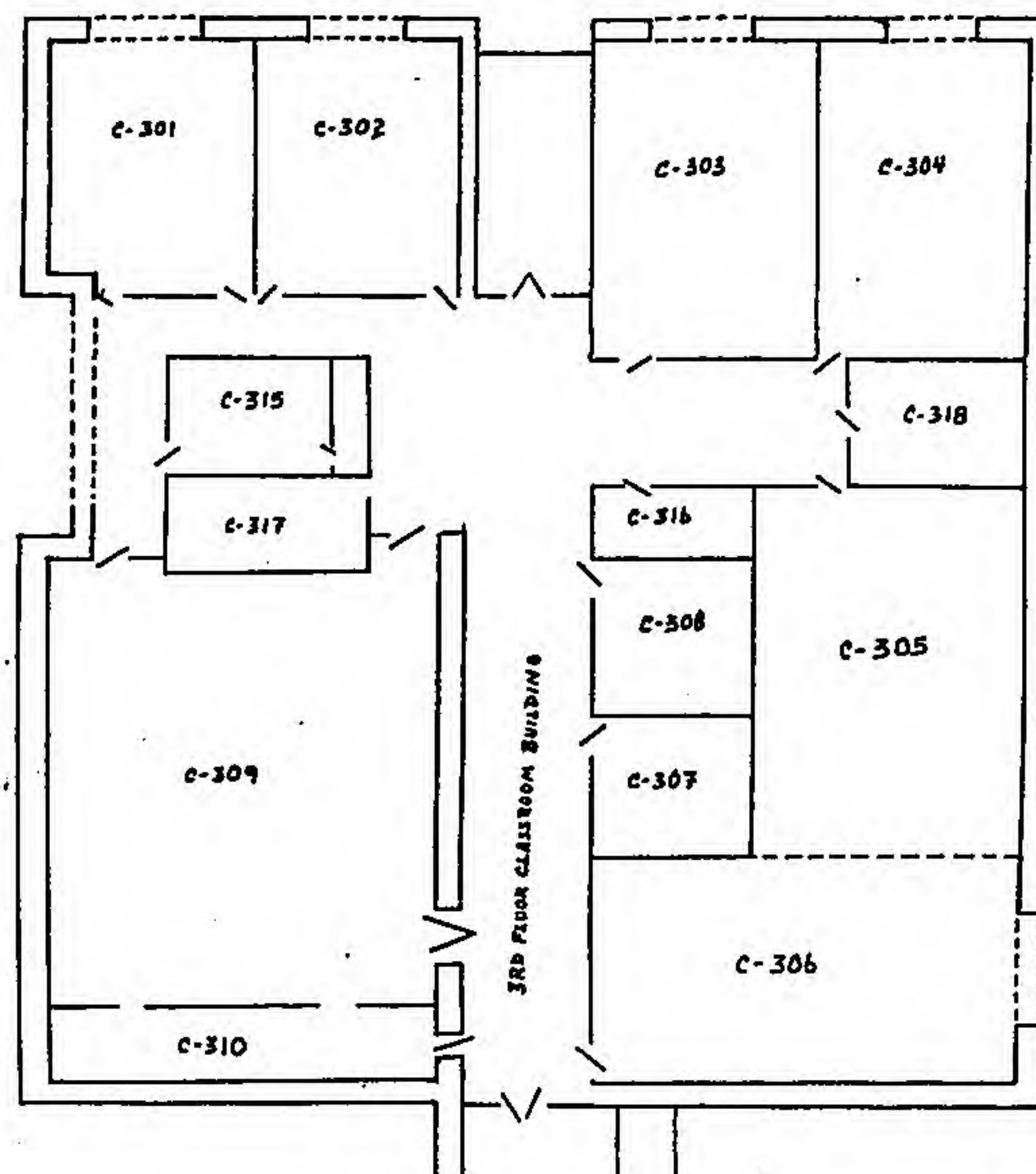
"The occupation was never intended to be anti-anglophone," Aef president Marc Remilliard told Lambda. "It was anti-administration. The occupation got extensive media coverage, and the administration realizes that this so-called bilingual institution cannot afford to have another demonstration of dissatisfaction from the French population of this university. The major effect of the occupation has been to loosen the administration's attitude towards our need for centralization."

At today's meeting, the Aef will present a proposal based on the Roy Report. It calls for locating the Aef and Reaction offices in Room C-306 (currently a general lecture hall), placing l'Entre-Deux in Room C-305 (currently a psychology lab) and establishing the Service d'animation in Room C-303 (presently the faculty lounge). These relocations are to be accomplished by August 1st of this year, according to Remilliard. In the

long term, the facilities around this locale should be scheduled to emphasize courses and activities with a French language orientation.

Remilliard maintains that, with proper planning, the above could be created with little of detriment to the rest of the university. He stated that the Aef would be open to any proposal that would centralize francophone affairs on the campus, but would not countenance any recommendation that would place French activities off to the side, or split them around the campus.

"Without centralization, French and bilingualism at Laurentian would be down the drain. We're all over the campus now, and French is being drowned in a sea of English. Only the university letterheads are bilingual at Laurentian. The administration doesn't realize that bilingual waitresses and secretaries don't make for a living French culture; they only make for English affairs translated into



another language. The creation of a francophone 'Chinatown' is the only way to create a bilingual atmosphere here, not only for the francophones, but for the anglophones who come here expecting a bilingual institution."

### Admin Plays Close to Chest

To this point, the Laurentian administration has been non-committal in its response to the Aef although, during Study Week, Dr. Best announced that the administration would not permit a rumoured second occupation to take place after the break. John Barry, Special Assistant to the President, told Lambda that the administration was sympathetic to the Aef's wish for centralization, but faces a number of limitations in terms of space and budget available for non-teaching/research activities. He said that the administration does have a number of possibilities to offer to the francophone students but

wants to hear their specific requirements in today's meeting before putting these options forth.

### Shut Down Whole Library?

Following today's noon meeting with the administration, the Aef executive will hold an open meeting with all interested francophone students to discuss what had been offered. Remilliard said that he hoped the matter could be settled by the latter meeting, but did not discount the possibility of having to take more drastic action if dissatisfied with the administration response. Unofficially he stated that another occupation would be a measure of last resort but that, if this resort becomes necessary, the entire Library would be shut down, not just the eleventh floor. "We realize that this will inconvenience a lot of people, and we want all the support we can get, but, for us, this is a matter of survival."

## China closes scientific gap

"Opening the bamboo curtain - an account of a scientific visit to China, 1978" is the subject of a public lecture to be given by Dr. Paul Copper, Professor of Geology at Laurentian University, on Monday, March 5, at 8:00 p.m. in the Fraser Auditorium. The public is invited to attend, free of charge.

At the invitation of the Chinese Academy of Science in Peking and with the assistance of the Department of External Affairs and the Director of the Geological Survey of Canada, Dr. Copper made a solo three-week visit to China in Sept. and Oct., 1978.

Dr. Copper began corresponding with the Chinese scientific community in 1965. In 1966, the year of the Chinese cultural revolution, replies to his correspondence ceased. It was only in 1975 that Chinese scientists resumed communications. Dr. Copper says, "There is now a tremendous thirst for knowledge in China, and Chinese colleagues are very highly motivated for the common good."

In speaking of the Cultural

Revolution, Dr. Copper states, "There is a severe training gap in their research workers. The older generation, in their 60's and 70's, are running the show: many of these speak reasonable, though unpractised English, and have a good grasp of western thought (some were trained abroad). The post-Liberation generation that received their degrees prior to 1966 have a generally poor knowledge of foreign languages or modern techniques and literature, though a reasonable training (but they suffered tremendously from the deprivations of the 1966-77 period when science was so strongly attacked by the Red Guards). The youngest geologists ('graduated' between 1966 and 1977), have an inadequate to poor scientific background since all science and mathematics training was banned in the high schools (it was 'irrelevant'), and they were brought up only on agricultural and industrial methods, knowledge of defense and political ideology. In one sheer stroke of ignorance the Cultural Revolution eliminated three generations of scientists.

Science was particularly vulnerable because it was structured. Research was said to be purely self-serving and self-glorifying, ergo socially "dangerous". Ironically, the goals of the Cultural Revolution were basically good, and are still supported."

However, Dr. Copper says that there have been many recent changes, "Chinese colleagues are rapidly catching up in terms of systematic paleontology and have been reading a great deal of western literature since 1977. The Academy subscribes to about 1200 scientific journals: these are photocopied in China and re-distributed. They lack good basic scientific equipment and work under primitive conditions. Much of the expensive, sophisticated equipment is not working because of lack of spare parts, lack of trained personnel and knowledge. This will be remedied."

In addition to information about scientific aspects, Dr. Copper will be recounting some of the interesting highlights of his trip.

## 5% INCREASE IN LU GRANTS

Figures released by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities indicate an increase of 5 per cent in provincial grants allocated to Laurentian University for 1979-80. This is in line with the previously announced 4.95 per cent funding increase to Ontario universities. Operating grants will be \$10,124,000 up 5.8 per cent over last year. The Northern grant will be \$1,306,000 for an increase of 5.1 per cent. The Bilingualism

grant will be \$1,134,000 for an increase of 14 per cent. The Supplementary grant to some of the newer universities is being phased out and for Laurentian has decreased from \$250,000 to \$100,000. The federated universities are not included in these figures.

Laurentian anticipates that the grants received will total \$12,664,000. The total received for 1978-79 was \$12,057,000.



# DON'T JEOPARDIZE RIGHT TO APPEAL

Dear Students:

I sit on the Senate Committee on Admissions, Promotions and Petitions as a student representative. I would like to suggest to any student that is considering an appeal to show his appeal to me before handing it over to the Registrar, the College Registrar, or the School representative. In this way I will be more informed of your case and better prepared to support the application with any favorable facts that we can find through a discussion of the application. I will be graduating this year and the seat will need to be filled for next year. I urge anyone interested to submit their names to the executive of the student associations. In this way the executive will have a wider range of choice and will be able to pick a person with the best qualifications.

As for next year, I urge you the student to acquaint yourself with the regulations in the calendar, and to use them to your advantage. The Appeal Committee has the power to allow just about any appeal providing you provide reasonable grounds for your appeal. Presently, the first time the student representative hears about is at the committee meeting. This does not allow time enough to prepare a convincing argument to better support your application. Usually the Registrar, College Registrar, or School representative presents the case and only he or she has had time to prepare an argument. If the student representatives are also used then your chances for a successful appeal are increased.

You should also be aware that there are many committees

of Senate that have a student seat, or should have, and there is no reason why you should not be sitting on one. Submit your name to your respective student organization and they will probably put you to work!

Also remember that should

you disagree with any final grades, and with good cause, that you can appeal your grade to the appropriate Department or School Appeals Committee within 60 days of the publication of Grade Reports. Subsequent appeals with respect to

final grades must be submitted to the Senate Committee on Admissions, Promotions and Petitions within six months of the publication of Grade Reports.

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## "Asking for third floor is nothing short of foolish"

By Tim Moyle  
President SGA

Life on campus of late seems to be heating up a little bit. Now that it's time for students to cram in all the essays and tests that Profs have let slide, the majority of students find themselves in the position of having to spend many long hours over the books. The Francophones seem to have found a different

way of spending time in the library, but it's not slaving over books. I would like to spend a little time putting across a few of my views as to the events of the past couple of weeks.

The Francophone element at Laurentian is a minority group. As such they have a vested interest in protecting their well-being and culture. To this end, they should have a lounge

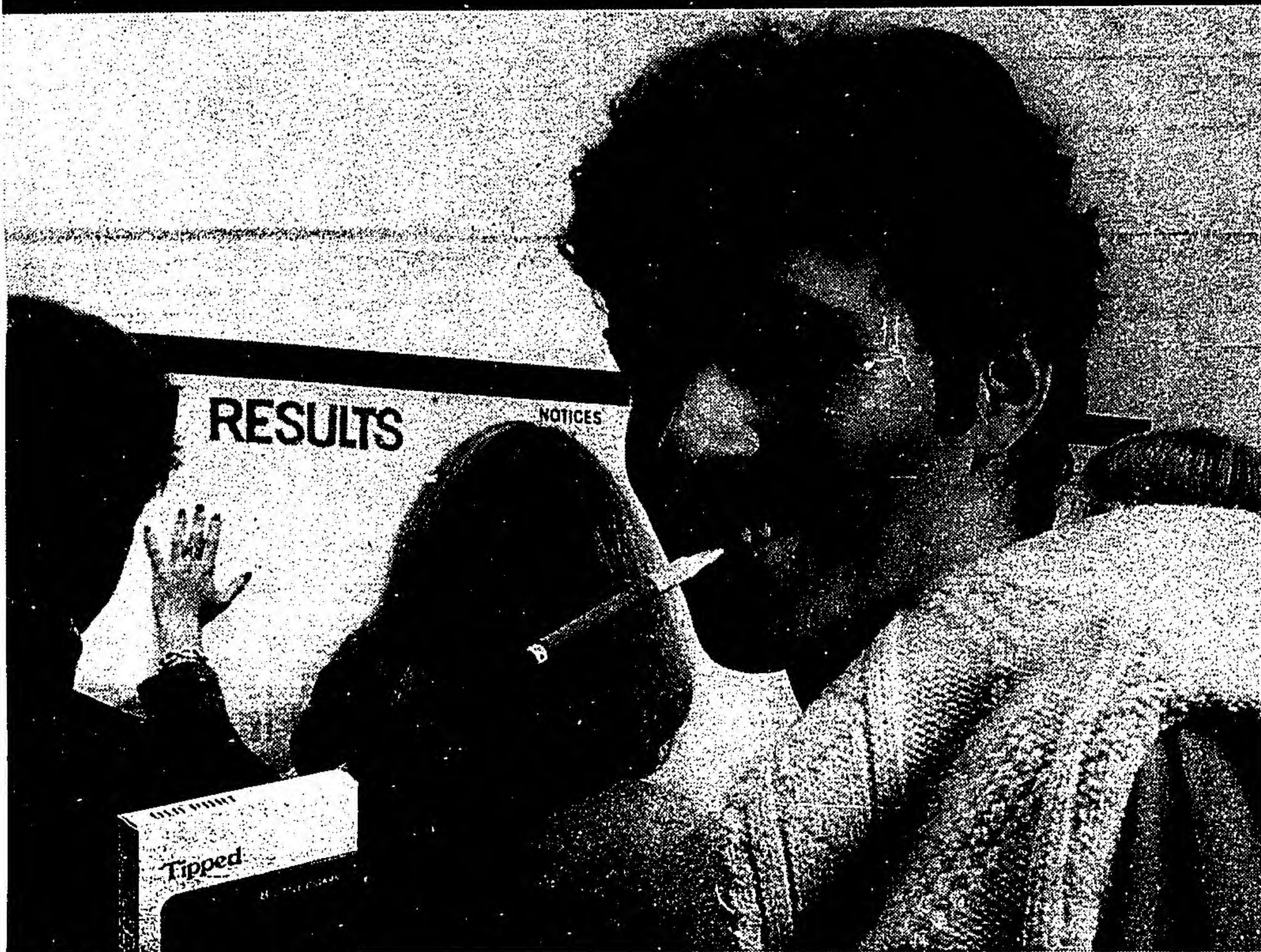
facility similar to what is presently in existence. My views on this point are a secret to no one. However, this time, I feel they have overstated their case.

The Francophone element should not be given services or privileges that the rest of the campus does not get. Why should they, on the basis that they speak a different language, be given office and recreational space that would be to the detriment of the rest of the campus? Asking for the third floor of the Classroom Bldg. is nothing short of foolish. That section of campus happens to be the most used section in the university. How many students want to slosh over to Student Street to take classes in cubby holes that were never meant to be used for that purpose? For that matter, how is the university to justify to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities changing the classrooms into offices after just receiving special funds to renovate the section to better be used for lectures. There are practical considerations to be taken into account.

Next we come to the method used by these students to present their case. If nothing else, occupying the administration tower brings back visions of the good, old days of the students movement. It went well with Woodstock, the peace movement and Jimmy Hendrix. Unfortunately the time for this phase of our lives has come and gone. A sit-in is still an effective method for making one's point. Yet, I can't help but feel that the purpose of this sort of action is to present a case, not to inconvenience your fellow students. Holding the elevators created nothing other than bad feeling on campus. While the climb up and down the stairs may have been good for us, there were people whose health would not allow them to scale the long tower.

It's time the AEF recognized that they represent students on this campus; not a culture, not some abstract cause, but students. Many things can be accomplished through talk and co-operation. Perhaps not as fast or as visibly as one might like, but talking to people creates an atmosphere of compromise, and of give and take. This attitude is much more conducive to a successful agreement than the strident and irrational tones that have been created needlessly on campus by a few members of the Francophone community.

## Colts. Great moments in college life.



On May 3, Graham Watt lit up a Colts. Paused. Reflected. Then paused again. And reflected again. Then paused. Then reflected. Paused once more and looked on the marks listing and found his name there with a big "passed" beside it.

**Colts. A great break.**  
Enjoy them anytime.



# SENATE NEWS

by Terry Knowles  
Senate met just before the break to consider a few things which might interest you....

A number of changes were made to the B.A. (Educ) and B. ED. programmes to meet new requirements for the Ontario Teaching Certificate. Engineering students will be happy to know that regulations for academic standing and the average marks required have been relaxed slightly -- a weighted average of 55 per cent in the previous year (60 per cent overall) is all that's needed now. This will make it easier for a student to change universities, as it falls into line with regulations in the rest of the province. Minor changes were made to history,

philosophy, and law and justice and a dozen or so new music courses in various instruments.

The VISTULA committee reported that it had a much smaller fund to work with this year than last year, as fund raising was evidently not as successful as in the past.

And the bad news -- Laurentian is still without a permanent vice-president, and the search goes on....and on....evidently it is now in its fifth year.

And the really bad news -- the Senate Finance Committee approved a \$35.00 hike in tuition fees for next year. This now goes to the Board of Governors for approval, and it seems rather likely to pass.

Good news is that Senate

seems to be taking a closer look at candidates for tenure lately...

For those of you interested in what you get for the \$1.50 SGA students pay to the Ontario Federation of Students, and who would like to find out what Bill Davis and Bette Stephenson have up their sleeves for us: Miriam Edelson, Chairing of the OFS, is evidently due to come up to Laurentian on March 12 to talk to us about "The Ross Report", a report on the future of education and the funds allocated to it -- in Ontario, prepared by a consulting firm for the Government. Could be interesting, and it will definitely affect you if you're thinking of being educated next year. More next week.

## Students practise theory

A programme of placement of Sociology students as social researchers in public agencies has been introduced by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Laurentian University. One objective of the programme is to provide students with opportunities for practical application of theory,

and experience in methods of research based on experiment and observation. It also provides the agencies with social researchers to carry out statistical analyses of the work of the agencies, i.e., the empirical evaluation of agency programmes.

The first placements have

been made in the Sudbury Parole and Probation Office of the Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services, at the requests of C. Dymond and J. LeFebvre of the Ministry. Ron Dubciak, Marlene Lyn-Cook, and Ann Boyd are the first students to be placed.

## LIFE, BEER & THE CONDOM

by Alex McGregor  
One of the joys of working at a church college is that we get the newspapers of our sister denominations. A favourite of mine is *The Canada Lutheran*. The February edition prints a final letter of Mrs. Jean Zehr to her family. Shortly after writing the letter, Mrs. Zehr died. It is beautiful so I am taking the liberty of reprinting it in *Lambda*.

Dear David, Judy and Christine:

I realize it's difficult for you to understand my illness, but after facing life and death and many obstacles for almost five years, I have come to the conclusion that life is very precious and is to be treated as such -- it's a gift to us that can be snuffed out in a second. It's the same with our bodies...some modern people state they are in control of their body and will do as they like with it (abortion, excessive drinking, smoking) -- no one is going to tell them what to do. Not so, many different things happen to it and if we were in full control we would stop it -- such as my illness.

You are asking, "Why my mother?" as I have also done in the past, but I realize and feel that there are two laws. LAW OF NATURE and LAW OF MAN. The difference -- Nature's Law is exact, as exact as life and death. NO excuses, NO pleading, NO running away, NO buying oneself out, treatment same whether rich or poor; whereas, Man's Law no two people or similar crimes are treated the same. Man is always trying to buy his way out, excuse his way out, sometimes

leave the country, schemes, etc., but not so with Nature's Law. People will say if there is a God why all the wars, tragedies, crimes? And my immediate reply is, "It's not God fighting the wars, it's man -- for greed; it's not God committing the crime, it's man. We are always looking for a scapegoat -- blame someone else for our faults and shortcomings."

It's like an intern that looked after me when cancer was diagnosed, and each day he popped in he would say, "Mrs. Zehr, you have two ways to accept your illness, you can be bitter and blame everyone else for your problems or you can smile each day and let the sun shine in and make each day worthwhile for you and your family....please choose the latter."

Then you ask where God comes in. He gives us love, comfort, strength and courage to face our problems and that is what we all need.

Let's pray that he will give us

the strength and courage to face the days ahead. Always remember HEALTH IS WEALTH. I know.

Keep working, praying, loving and be good citizens. As I've often said it's not easy being a teenager, nor is it easy being a parent -- co-operation is necessary. Live up to the guidelines set by Mom and Dad. Help Dad.

God Bless  
Love, Mom.

Meanwhile back at Laurentian, Alex McGregor, Dorothy Zaborsky, Charles Teachout, Deborah Woolhouse, John Sturtridge and Uncle Tom Copley and all were debating the profound issues of booze and condoms. This Thursday night Dr. Peake will be the preacher at St. Mark's at 5:30. This is the first of our Lenten series when distinguished academics will be preaching on the Church in the Modern World. Won't you give up not coming to St. Mark's for Lent and join us.

## Fogey faculty should retire

OTTAWA (CUP) -- The older they get, the more problems they cause for universities.

"They" are professors, and top university officials warned the senate's committee on retirement policy last week that Canadian schools and universities are facing problems because of the growing number of aging faculty members.

The officials urged as much flexibility as possible be taken on the mandatory retirement age so some teachers can be given early retirement in order to make way for new blood, while older, wiser and more productive professors can remain at work.

Lloyd Barber, president of the University of Regina, said declining enrolment in the education system, combined with the glut of teachers hired during the baby boom of the 60s, is leaving the universities in

a very difficult situation.

"This poses a very considerable threat to academia because it's not renewing itself...with fresh new ideas and young enthusiastic professors.

"It's probably as difficult a problem as the universities have ever faced," he said.

The senate committee was told that while there is no trend across the country to retire faculty early, most institutions are now considering such policies.

Barber said if no early retirement policies are instituted, "for the next 15 years there is no way of bringing in new blood."

But Barber said that flexibility is important for retirement ages because a historian might reach his prime ability at 70 while a physicist peaks at about 32 years of age.

## Sex suit settling

(HS-CUP) -- Arguments in the landmark sex discrimination suit filed by a former Yale University student are expected to wrap up early in February.

The suit was filed by Pamela Price, who alleged that, in the spring of 1976, she was offered a high grade by one of her professors if she had sex with him, and a lower grade if she refused.

She refused, and with five other women, took Yale to court. In ensuing legal motions, all five other women were dropped from the suit.

Price is charging that Yale violated the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Title 9 structures against sexual discrimination for not providing adequate procedures for treating its students' complaints of sexual harassment.

The case is the first of its kind in the U.S. If the ruling is in Price's favor, Yale may lose all of its federal funding.

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# OCCUPATION DIDN'T DIVIDE OUR TWO CULTURES

by William Bradley

The occupation of the 11th floor by AEF members has illicited a multitude of responses from the diverse elements of the Laurentian community.

The participants felt a need for an affirmation of French culture and identity. They sensed a need to push for a centre, in two classrooms and a psych lab on the third floor of the classroom building. Apparently they were unimpressed with the present facilities, especially the insecurity of the future of l'Entre-Deux.

It has been a long time since the 11th floor has been occupied. Certainly the initiative by the AEF means that they have felt mistreated by present administrative policies.

Yet, many English students voiced opinions of: "Why should they have their own centre", or "they contribute to dividing the two cultures."

But is the struggle really between Anglo and Francophone students or between the French and the administration? The latter seems to be the attitude of the protesters. I was there. (How could I not participate??)

Perhaps the leaders had not presented a viable package to the administration. When one takes a radical action, one should ascertain a smooth transition to the desired alternative. Did the AEF plan provide for the relocation of present classrooms? Maybe the action was elitist in the sense that most of the university community learned of it from the commercial press.

I must say, having been there, that it was a quiet, subdued, easy-going occupa-

tion. Very different from the occupation we pulled last February. People danced, played cards and laughed. The 11th floor was like the cultural centre they desired. All garbage was cleaned up and taken away. The security police were not harassed. Hostilities were minimal.

When people occupy a seat of power, they are saying something to the Laurentian community. After all, it takes courage. It takes guts to do what they have done, especially since it has been a decade since such action has been taken. For us Anglophones, should we not find out what is at the root of this? Should we not listen? Should we not engage in dialogue as to what drives these people to such lengths? I really think we should. We are a community. We are a diverse bunch here. Let's communicate. Let's engage in dialogue as to what is happening. Maybe we will learn to be open to one another.

So, before you make a judgement, why not ask their view? Why not get the story from them? That is all I ask. Is that a lot?

Another matter is the fact that James Robertson will be here at Laurentian March 19th as part of the Falconbridge lecture series. I met this New Age economist last August in Ottawa. He is a key man in England. Please try and check him out. He is a dynamic speaker. In fact he received a standing ovation in Ottawa. He speaks of political decentralization, steady state economics, community self-reliance and personal freedom. A same voice in a troubled world. Check him out.

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What kind of woman  
uses the rhythm method?



## DEVASTATED

Dear Editor:

I am devastated. My few words against condoms has brought on me the wrath of Deborah Woolhouse. In holy anger and pious grief she denounces me, the condom thief!

Seriously, the authority for my remarks on breast feeding are Drs. John and Sheila Kippley, particularly Sheila's book *Breast Feeding and Natural Child Spacing* (Harper & Row, 1974, Peguin, 1976). Sheila states that women who adopt the natural mothering program (100 per cent of her baby's nourishment for the first 6 months supplied by mother's milk and continued nursing after the child is introduced to solid foods) will average 14.6 months without periods after childbirth. She explains that some mothers who adopt this program, an exceptional few, will experience a return of periods before 6.0 months post partum. Others will go as long as 2.5 years without menses while nursing. The possibility of conception during this naturally infertile period is rated at 6 per cent.

People who call the Sympto-Thermal or Ovulation method the "rhythm method" don't know what they're talking about. Significant refinement

in NFP has taken place since the introduction of the calendar-rhythm method in the '30s. When strictly observed, these methods have been shown to be as effective as any method of preventing pregnancies outside of total abstinence. The new natural methods have no dangerous medical side-effects, nor abortifacient characteristics, and they permit the maintenance of an essential unity between conjugal love and openness to procreativity in the life of the married couple.

My objection to condom ads is that they employ exploitation. The "choice" of fornication and adultery simply contributes to the dilemma. Conjugal love not open to procreativity is wide open to exploitation. "Sensitivity", "creativity" and "caring" between man and women, "warm" and "meaningful relationships" are not qualities of a relationship between exploiter and his or her duped partner. The commitment to one another in marriage is the only guarantee of mutual servitude and fidelity among sexual partners. This is the condition in which conjugal love is maximally pleasurable.

Sexploitation is a menace in the Third World. Miss Woolhouse brings up the widely held notion that due to the excessive

birth rate among poor people of the Third World, and resultant conditions of starvation and squalor among them require drastic campaigns of contraception and abortion aimed at cutting back their numbers. Deborah echoes the nasty voice of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Revolutionary spokesmen of the Third World view this as a new version of the "yellow peril" thesis. They easily see population control programs in racist and anti-human terms, as merely to preserve an unjust status quo. Josue de Castro states that:

"Hunger exists because present structures and present society are unjust and inhuman. It is necessary to radically change society...The campaigns against the birth rate which are held in Latin America are financed by the neo-colonial powers. We should not forget that Malthus himself was financed by the British East-India Company....The accustomed liberalism or humanitarian verbalism serves but to hide the interests and privileges of those who exploit the workers of all lands and peoples of the poor countries." (Excelsior, Mexico, 14 Enero, 1973).

This is a brilliant indictment of Miss Woolhouse's philosophy. It is a fact that the most ardent supporters of the stand against birth control and abortion are to be found in the Third World. The accolade given by millions to the Pope on his recent visit to the Latin American Bishop's Conference at Puebla, Mexico, is significant evidence of this. Spokesmen of the poor in the Third World share the Pope's conviction that propaganda promoting sex "liberated" from marriage, contraception, abortion, and consumerism are all tools of a world-wide movement of political and economic oppression. When the oppressor is thrown off, so will go the suffering of the poor, and the "population problem".

Women should not be intimidated by so called feminists to avoid cultivating the "finest talents" of their femininity, both within themselves and in their male and female friends. By virtue of being born with a female body, women possess a different kind of loving potential from men. Women should strive to develop their particular type of loving so as to work complementarily with men in making the world a lovely place to live. In the Bible, we see this exemplified in Rebekah, mother of Jacob, Judith, and Mary, mother of Jesus. I think of charity, beauty and fidelity as assets women may possess in greater quantity than men. I admire people who possess these qualities in these "mechanized, impersonal, apathetic times." You too, Deborah Woolhouse, do possess these qualities. Won't you try to cultivate them. The Catholic Church loves you.

Charles Teachout,  
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## Devastated, eh?

Dear Editor:

Charles Teachout's letter in *Lambda* (Feb. 7/79) was a depressing example of the Roman Catholic tendency to inflict specifically Catholic views on non-Catholics. It should therefore firstly be pointed out that it is unacceptable to non-Catholics to have the views of the Catholic church forced on them. Let there be any doubt of what I mean, I should point out that Mr. Teachout's views on sexuality, marriage and birth control, as expressed in his letter, are roughly those of the Catholic church (albeit of the most reactionary section thereof.) Such are not necessarily the views of, say, the Anglican Church or the United Church.

Secondly, it was striking to observe how, under cover of a spurious concern for women's dignity, Mr. Teachout managed in fact to argue for depriving women of their most basic human right, namely the control over their bodies, which includes not only the full expression of their sexuality but also the mastery over their reproductive function. Neither the restrictive view of sexuality propounded in the letter (sex only within marriage and then only for procreation), nor the feeble and antique methods of "birth control" suggested (the rhythm method and/or breastfeeding) would allow women to exercise this fundamental human right.

Thirdly, the letter is misleading and dangerous in the information on birth control. The Editor's comment on breast feeding saves me the trouble of discussing it further. The rhythm method is notorious for its extremely high failure rate - it is not without reason that it is also called the "Vatican roul-

ette". It should be pointed out that it is based on the pattern of a woman's ovulation; even if a woman is blessed with a regular menstrual cycle - and many women are not - it is not a widely enough known fact that, in spite of menstrual regularity, the time of ovulation may still shift from month to month. Since, however, the rhythm method depends on a regular pattern of ovulation, and since the time of ovulation may change from month to month, the reasons for the high failure rate of this method are readily apparent.

Certainly, therefore, the condom is more reliable than the rhythm method (to say nothing of breastfeeding.) I myself did not find the condom ad to be in very good taste, as it seems to me that since men are the users of condoms, they also should be the buyers of same. (After all, women, so far as I know, do not ask men to buy the pill or the diaphragm for them.) But insofar as some birth control method is better than none (into the latter category we must consign the rhythm method and breastfeeding), the ad, though perhaps in poor taste, at least serves a purpose in educating people. But let us also remember that there are other, more reliable methods of birth control (some even sanctioned by progressive Roman Catholic priests, so one hears), viz, the pill, the diaphragm and the IUD. And surely these are all preferable to unwanted pregnancies or - dare I mention it, Mr. Teachout? - abortions.

Dorothy Zaborsky,  
Chairperson,  
Presidential Advisory  
Committee on the Status of  
Women.

## For the children

Dear Editor:

Mr. Teachout's letter which appeared in the Feb. 7th issue of *Lambda* is most distressing. Surely, by 1979 women have shown themselves to be capable of making decisions re: their own bodies.

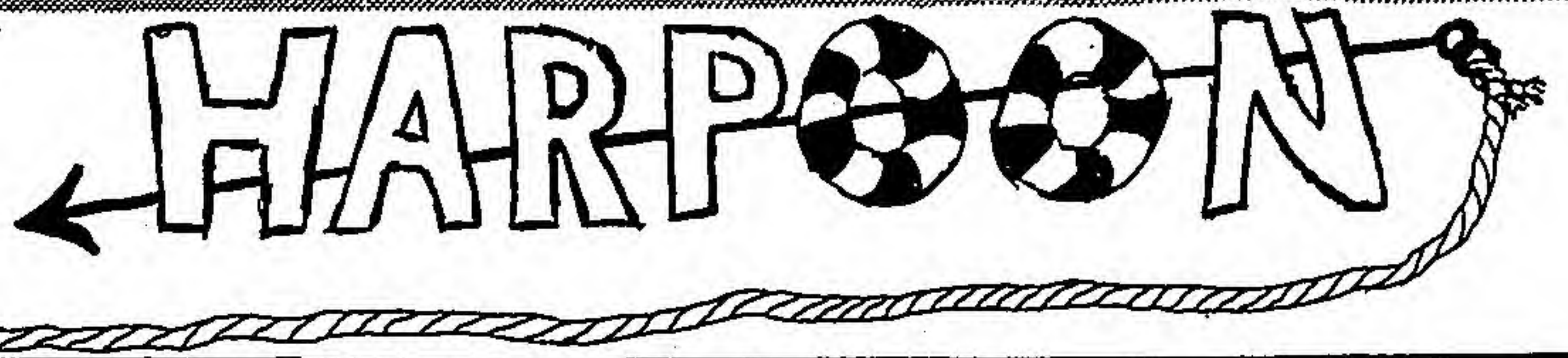
The rhythm method of "birth control" brings many unwanted children who may eventually find themselves without parental emotional support or, in the extreme, physical neglect or abuse.

Surely in the International Year of the Child we can begin

to look at the numbers of unwanted and hungry children already here and needing our support.

Mr. Teachout might volunteer time with a Children's Aid Society.

Janet Mays, M.S.W.  
School of Social Work



## The choice is ours

Dear Editor:

I'd like to comment briefly on Charles Teachout's letter on the prophylactics advertisement which appeared in *Lambda* three weeks ago.

Women were not degraded to any severe extent in the ad because they, after all, must share the responsibility and risks involved in sex. With that responsibility resting on their shoulders they must naturally cope with it using some sort of birth control. Yet, I fail to understand what promiscuity has to do with buying condoms. I also fail to understand the phrase "overwhelming desire to be." What? Promiscuous? Pregnant? I do agree that people should protest when they are being morally degraded, although I question the validity

of the statement "Christians must protest". The mass media is swamped with advertisements which definitely depict women as potential sex objects in order to sell a product. Have Christians protested successfully in this hard core area with any

constructive results?

In conclusion, if women buy prophylactics it's because they justly chose to do so, with or without the encouragement of the mass media.

Anne Osso

## ACHTUNG!

The SGA is announcing an amnesty period for student to return Pub chairs which have been stolen in the past year. It should be noted that better than \$5,000 worth of chairs have disappeared from the Pub in recent months. Student money is what is used to replace these chairs, not university or Lappas money thus with every chair that is stolen, it costs students

over \$40 to replace it. Therefore from now to the end of the term, any chairs will be accepted without questions asked. Chairs can be returned to the Pub.

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## B-BALL BATTLE

It was a do or die game for Mike Heale's varsity basketball team on Saturday night and the Vees came up big, defeating the University of Ottawa 82-65, earning themselves fourth spot in the final standings and the last playoff berth. Laurentian now has the formidable task of facing the York University Yeomen, Canada's number 1

ranked university team, in a sudden death game to be played Tuesday, February 27.

Laurentian came out nervous as the opening tip off was thrown up and, despite playing super defence, their offence lacked any spark. Laurentian was clearing the defensive boards, however, and, with a little more than five minutes remaining in the first half, the

Vees exploded for 18 straight, unanswered points and took a 36-31 lead into the half time locker room.

In the second half the Vees again had trouble getting started. The Gee Gees, fighting for the last playoff spot also, caught up with and passed Laurentian to take a 47-46 lead. At that point Heale put in his backup lineup which had sparked the Vees the night before in a loss to Carleton. The supersubs, led by Don Jones, Rick Paulowich, and Ken Schildroth ran off 10 straight points giving Laurentian the lead which it never relinquished. Mark Bennett, the Vees co-captain, came back in and promptly hit for five straight points and the Vees wound up with a convincing 82-65 victory.

On Friday night, the Vees lost to the Carleton Ravens 89-75 to set up Saturday's must win situation. Bennett again led Laurentian scoring picking up 15 points.

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## Vees lose squeaker to hot goalie

In an abrupt halt to an extremely successful season, the Vees varsity hockey team lost a squeaker to the McMaster Marauders, 3-2 on Friday night in the OUAA semifinals. Earlier last week Laurentian had edged

York 4-3 while McMaster upset U. of T. Blues 4-3 to advance to the semis. Mac now must face Guelph to decide the Ontario champ.

Last Tuesday in an exciting game at the Sudbury arena, the Vees opened fast with a 4-0 lead and then hung on to beat York 4-3 in the quarterfinals. Charlie Hamilton had a pair for Laurentian while Tim Stortini and Robin Laking added singles. Lou O'Hara, who earlier in the week had been named to the OUAA Eastern Division all star team along with Lou Clements, played a standout game for Laurentian in the net.

On Friday night in Hamilton all the scoring came in the first period as Mac Edged Laurentian 3-2 in the semis. In this sudden death game, as with most playoffs, goaltending was the key. The Vees had 43 shots on net (including 17 in the third period), but managed only two goals, coming up against a hot goalkeeper.

Laking and Steve Demarco scored the lone Laurentian markers as the frustrated Vees lost their first game since early December, their first loss on the road all season and their second loss in 16 games. Statistics like these don't mean much when the game is over, but coach Billy Harris cites these stats with pride in his players and the season they enjoyed.

In the Mac game, Laurentian dominated the play completely but couldn't score the equalizer in the final two periods of play. Goaltender Lou O'Hara, playing in his final intercollegiate game, played extremely well for the Vees, making key saves to keep Laurentian within striking distance throughout.

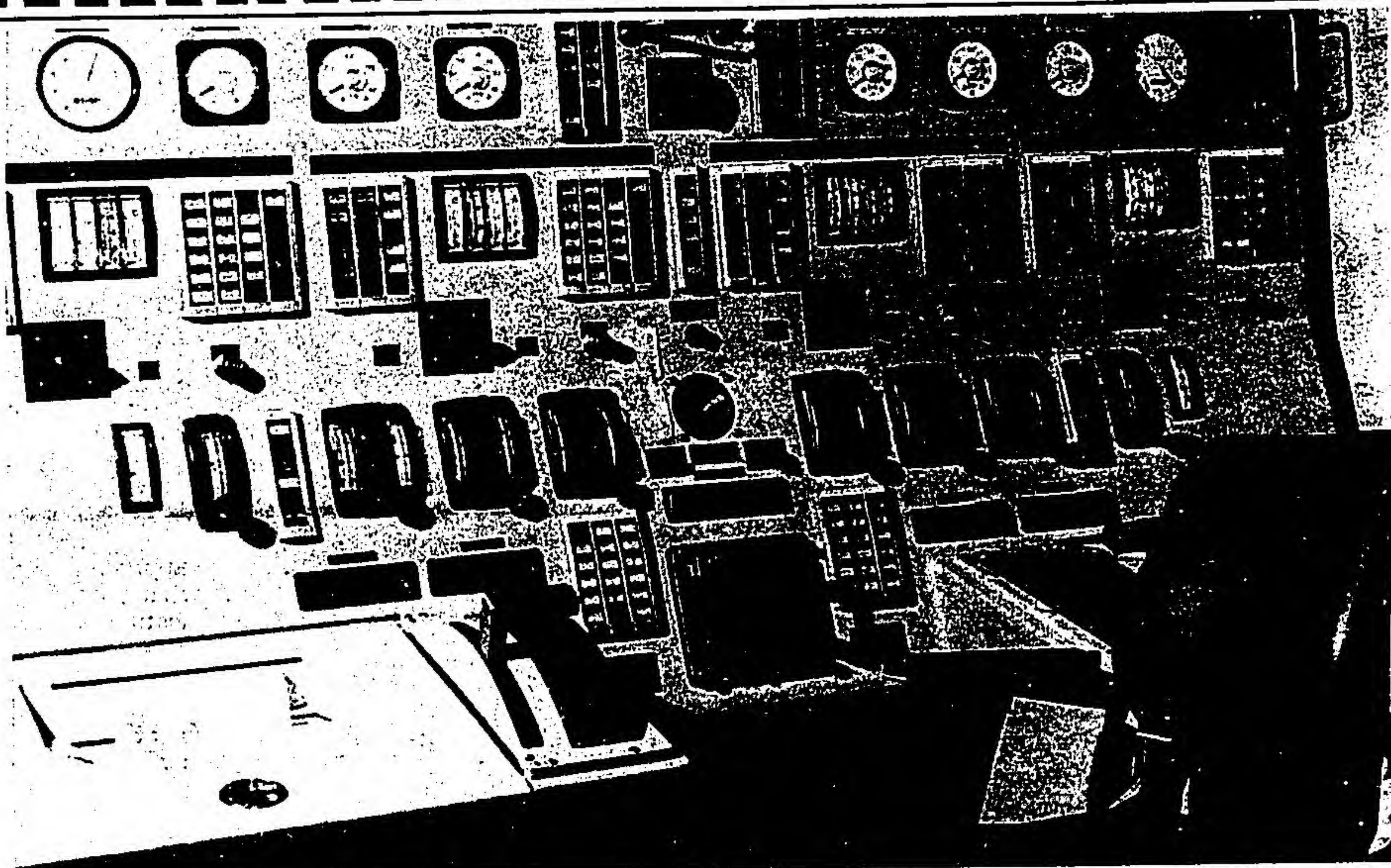
Harris has a good crop to work with for the 1979-80 season, losing only Laking, O'Hara, Grant McCaig and Rick Comtois to graduation. "We're right where we want to be" says Harris as far as development of players is concerned. Most of Laurentian's starters are Northern Ontario natives, whom Harris feels he can build a national contender with. In any case Laurentian looks to next season with bright optimism for the hockey Vees who this year went from relative obscurity to a national ranking.

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# SPORTS SCOREBOARD

by Doug Rose

## Coach to depart as Vees enter fifth straight championship

Oh, revenge is sweet! In typical Laurentian style, Norm Vickery's lady Vees came back from a few point halftime deficit to thoroughly trounce the outclassed University of Guelph Gryphons 63-40 and thus win their 6th consecutive Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association Basketball Championship. The women travel to Regina this Thursday along with Guelph to begin their quest for their fifth national title in a row.

Coach Vickery earlier in the week announced to his players that he is taking the next two years off as Laurentian's women's basketball coach to explore other areas. His players bounced back from this news to sweep Ottawa 77-31 on Friday night in order to advance against Guelph in the final.

Earlier in the season, Guelph and Laurentian had split games with the Vees coming out with a one point overall edge to give them the home court advantage. The Ontario final was then the rubber match between the two teams unless they meet again in the nationals this upcoming weekend.

The Gryphons whipped Waterloo 80-66 in their semi-final match and went into Saturday night's final higher than a kite emotionally. In the first half of the final, neither team dominated as Laurentian's rebounding strength matched Guelph's uncanny outside shooting. Guelph went into the dressing room at half time with a 28-24 lead and, at that point, it was anybody's ball game.

Laurentian, however, had to be pleased with the half time score after shooting a miserable 34 per cent from the field in the first half. Vickery made some adjustments in his defense at the half. Guelph was unable to get the open shots in the second half that they were left with in the opening stanza.

Besides widening and speeding up their defensive zone, Vickery must have straightened

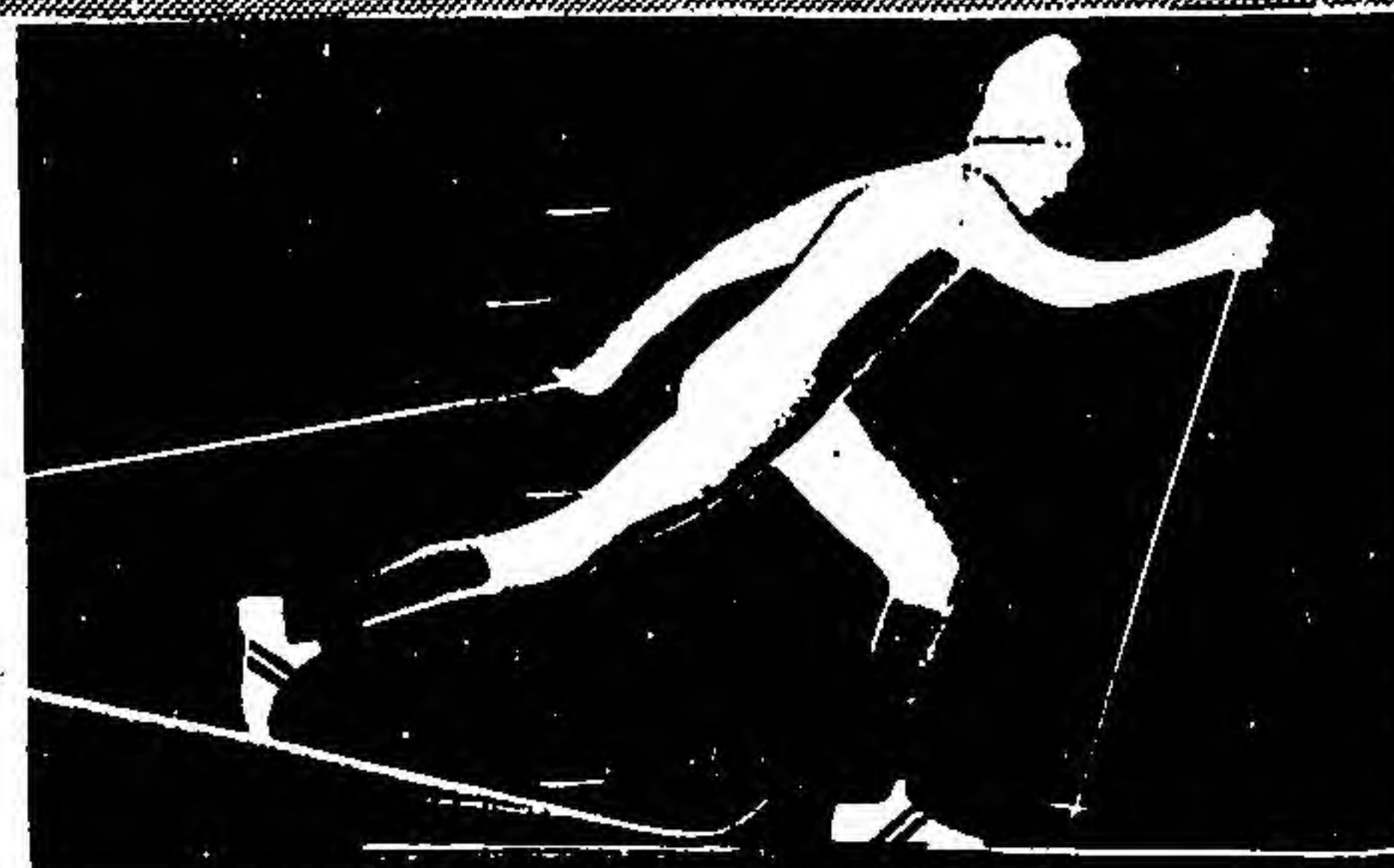
the Vees shooting eyes also. Laurentian's three big guns, Sylvia Sweeney, Eileen Galuska and Allison Towriss, seemed to come alive in the second half, as the game was turned around in the first seven minutes to a 40-32 Laurentian lead. As the Vees continued to shoot well, they denied Guelph any penetration into the middle and, by the time the rout was over, Laurentian had outgunned Guelph 39-12 in the second half.

Sweeney finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds, leading game totals in both departments. Towriss and Galuska added 12 and 15 points respectively

while Agnes Baker, Laurentian's woman athlete of Jan. hauled down eight rebounds.

For Guelph, national team member Candy Clarkson impressed many in the first half with her shooting, passing and rebounding. However she was completely shut down in the second half finishing with 10 points. Ingrid Kihl had 12 points for the Gryphons.

The tournament's most valuable player award was no surprise going to Waterloo's former national team member, Liz Silcott who scored 77 points in her two games on the weekend.



## Laurentian tops in cross-country

The men's OUA Cross Country Ski Championships were held over the study week and Laurentian added another Ontario title to its belt.

Dave Dalange, Laurentian's superstar of the slopes, placed 1st in the 15 km race for his third consecutive OUA individual title. Other impressive Laurentian finishes were Marcel

Boudreau, 9th; Ulf Kleppe, 10th; Richard Pettit, 13th; and Don Dunnigan, 19th.

In the 3 x 5 km relay, Laurentian's team of Delange, Pettit and Boudreau came away with the gold also. Combined with the individual results, this left Laurentian with first place in the team competition ahead of Guelph and Queen's.

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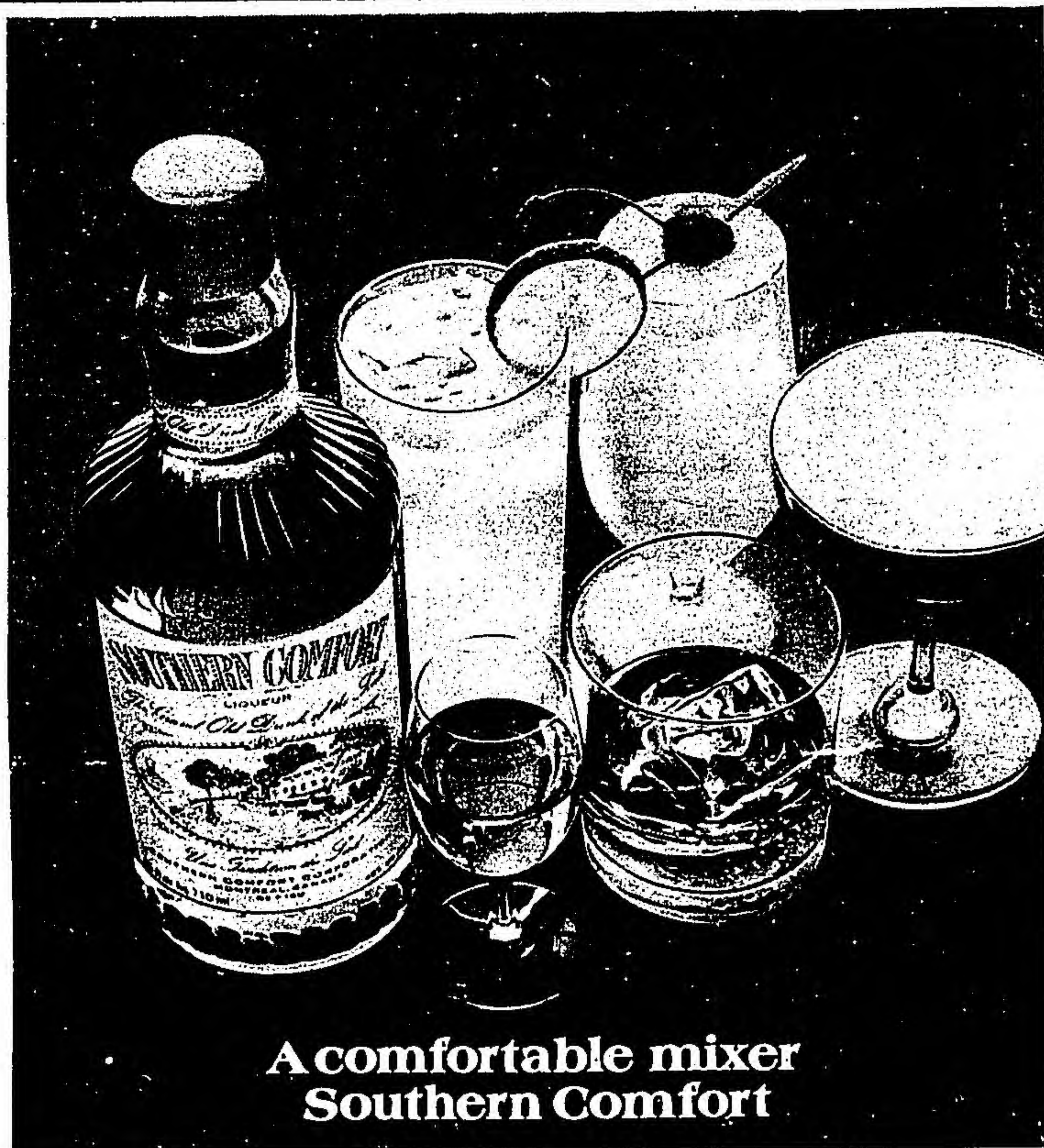
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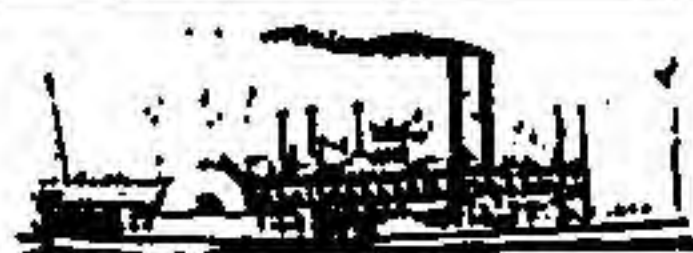
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<p>Lectures for senior citizens <i>The Native World View</i> - Thom Alcoze - Huntington College - Classroom 2</p> <p>Laurentian University Museum and Arts Centre (MUSAC) presents: <i>"Line to Shape to Edge"</i> - Lecture by Eleanor Mackey 1:30 p.m., John St. off the Paris-Drinkwater overpass.</p> <p>Laurentian University presents <i>"Independent Views - Three Programmes of Canadian Short Films"</i> - A travelling exhibition co-sponsored by the Art Gallery of Ontario and The National Film Board of Canada - Free noon-hour presentations - 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. - Small Dining Room.</p> <p>Le Service d'animation socio-culturelle et le département d'histoire vous invitent à voir un film de Paul Lapointe <i>"J'ai besoin d'un nom"</i>, à 11 heures en C-309</p>	<p>Thorneloe College presents <i>"Church and the World"</i>, a lecture by Dr. Peake - St. Mark's Chapel - at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Circolo Culturale Laurenziano presents <i>Toscana, Parte I</i> Arts Building, Room C309 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.</p> <p>Laurentian University Museum and Arts Centre (MUSAC) Film - <i>"Le Pink Grapefruit"</i> - 1:15 - 1:45 p.m.</p> <p>Conférence et discussion pour les retraités - <i>Le règlement 17 et la question scolaire</i> - G. Gervais - 14h00 à l'Auditorium de U. de S.</p>	<p><i>La Nuit sur l'Étang</i> - un Festival de nuit - 20 heures à l'Auditorium Fraser</p> <p>Laurentian University presents <i>Independent Views - three Programmes of Canadian Short Films</i> - a travelling exhibition co-sponsored by the Art Gallery of Ontario and The National Film Board of Canada - Free noon-hour presentations - 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. - Small dining room</p> <p>L'A.E.F. présente une conférence publique avec l'Hon. Jean-Jacques Blais, M.P. <i>"Les franco-ontariens à l'heure d'un fédéralisme renouvelé"</i> A 14h00, Salle C-309 Edifice des classes</p>		<p>Laurentian University Museum and Arts Centre - Last day of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Art Collection, John Street off the Paris-Drinkwater overpass.</p> <p>The English Society and Laurentian University present <i>"Women in Love"</i> based on D.H. Lawrence's novel. With A. Bates, Glenda Jackson and Oliver Reed. - Teacher's College Auditorium - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Laurentian University presents <i>"Independent Views - Three Programmes of Canadian Short Films"</i> - A travelling exhibition co-sponsored by the Art Gallery of Ontario and the National Film Board of Canada Free noon-hour presentations 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Small dining room.</p>	<p>The University Women's Club presents the Canadian Opera Company in <i>"The Marriage of Figaro"</i> sung in English - Empire theatre</p> <p>MUSAC - first day of Graphex 6 exhibition.</p>

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